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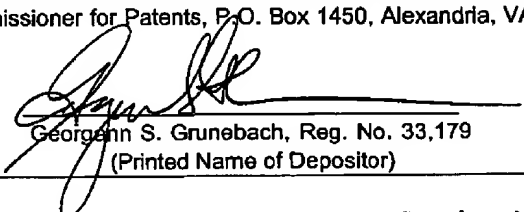
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Re: Serial No. 09/938,443

Attorney Docket No. PD-201116

Please find attached:

- TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT (1 page)
- RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2005 (13 pages)

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PATENT
Docket No. PD-201116
CUSTOMER NO.: 020991

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Douglas A. Cheline, et al.
 Serial No. 09/938,443
 Filed: August 23, 2001
 For: AUTOMATED CONFIGURATION OF A VIRTUAL
 PRIVATE NETWORK

Date: February 23, 2006
 Group Art Unit: 2144
 Examiner: Olga Hernandez

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Fee \$ _____

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated November 30, 2005. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

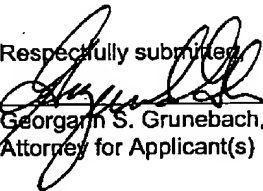
☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

____ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	27	minus	27*	=	0	x	\$ 18.00	\$	00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	minus	4**	=	0	x	\$ 86.00	\$	00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0	+	\$ 290.00	\$	00.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:								\$	00.00

Charge \$ 00.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

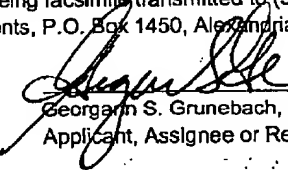
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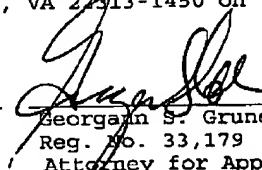
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2005, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks: